

Where all think alike, no one thinks much.
To whom it may concern,
The media has often been called the "fourth branch of our government." It is the average citizen's window to the world, permitting us to understand what's going on so that we might make informed political and personal decisions. I am writing to you to urge that we exercise the highest level of caution in re-examining the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. In my perception--as I turn the dial from station to station--there is already a dearth of diversity on the airwaves. If not for the Internet, it would be difficult to encounter more than a handful of facts and points of view on a given topic. Allowing the further consolidation of the few sources of information that surround us will only worsen the problem as it becomes increasingly difficult to hear the voice of the (non-corporate approved) minority. I worry about who's point of view will be represented when the overwhelming majority of loudspeakers in our country all shout in unison.

Regards,
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